

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Official Action mailed October 26, 2005, Applicant proposes to amend his application to place the application in form for allowance. In this Amendment Applicant proposes to cancel claims 1-11, 16, and 18. Therefore, upon entry of the Amendment, claims 12-15, 17, and 19-21 will remain pending. Although claims 14, 15, 17, and 21 are presently withdrawn from consideration, those claims should be rejoined to the prosecution upon entry of this Amendment for the reasons stated below.

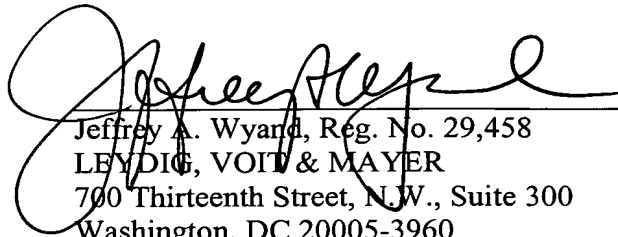
An Information Disclosure Statement citing two foreign patent publications was filed on April 27, 2005. That date is the same date of the mailing of a previous Office Action. The Information Disclosure Statement is present in the image file wrapper for this patent application. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the next communication include the PTO-1449 Form from the Information Disclosure Statement showing consideration of the two publications by the Examiner.

In the Office Action mailed October 26, 2005, the Examiner indicated that claim 16 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form. That step has been taken and the resulting claim is claim 12. Therefore, that claim and the claims that were examined with it, claims 13, 19, and 20, should be allowed.

Pursuant to a species election requirement, many claims were withdrawn from consideration in the examination of this patent application. Claims 14, 15, 17, and 21 all depend directly or indirectly from amended claim 12. Thus, claim 12 is generic to these claims and these claims must be rejoined to the prosecution pursuant to 37 CFR 1.141.

Entry of the Amendment and prompt issuance of Notice of Allowance as to claims 12-15, 17, and 19-21 are earnestly solicited.

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